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CONSTRUCTION OF A NURSES' HOME FOR THE COLUMBIA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND LYING-IN ASYLUM

FEBRUARY 3 (calendar day, FEBRUARY 7), 1925.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. HARRELD, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 3153]

The Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, to which was referred the bill (S. 3153) to authorize the construction of a nurses' home for the Columbia Hospital for Women and Lying-in-Asylum, having duly considered same, hereby make report of it to the Senate with an amendment and with the recommendation that the bill do pass as amended.

On page 1, line 5, strike out the amount of "\$680,782.60" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "\$400,000."

The Columbia Hospital for Women and Lying-in-Asylum is in great need for adequate accommodations for the nurses for which this bill provides.

Columbia Hospital is in a sense a Government hospital. The buildings were constructed by the United States and are located on a Government reservation. The temporary buildings now used as a nurses' home are also on Government property. These buildings have been condemned by the fire marshal of the District and are considered so unsafe and insanitary that for these reasons many girls prefer other hospitals to this for training.

The following is quoted from the fire marshal's report, referring to one of the present temporary dormitories:

In the event of fire in this building it could spread rapidly and menace the hospital, the main dormitory, and the United States Weather Bureau, all of which are in close proximity to same, in addition to placing in grave danger the lives of the nurses who occupy the building. In my opinion, not only from a fire standpoint but from a sanitary point of view, this building should be replaced with a new fireproof building.

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